

He has nothing violent in his record. But they break into the house as a show of force, as a show to make sure everybody else in the country knows if you have a differing opinion, don't you dare say it. Don't you dare.

That is the definition of tyranny. That is exactly the definition of tyranny. What else can it be?

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I would just add that we are talking about, again, decisions we make with the money that we are taking from taxpayers, printing and borrowing to the tune of a trillion-dollar-plus deficit every year.

I started this by saying when I ran for office 5 years ago for the first time, our national debt was \$21 trillion. Today, it is \$31 trillion—\$10 trillion in the mere 5 years since I have been here, \$2 trillion a year, my friend from Pennsylvania. But we keep funding this stuff.

This is the nexus I want the American people to understand. The deficit spending isn't just about the deficits. The deficit spending is why our Nation is being torn apart.

We are supposed to be able to agree to disagree. We are supposed to be able to have 50 laboratories of democracy sewn together under a commonality, defending ourselves and having an economy that functions. Instead, we are funding the bureaucrats that are ripping us apart, thread by thread, IRS agent after IRS agent, FBI agent after FBI agent. I say that as someone who worked in the U.S. Attorney's Office with great men and women in the FBI, whose father was an IRS agent. My father worked for the Internal Revenue Service as an auditor.

I have no problem with how we try to set these things up to work. But hiring 85,000 new IRS personnel on the back of what we knew happened, targeting certain individuals with the power of the IRS, the FBI targeting a father, targeting Scott Smith in Loudoun County, saying he is a domestic terrorist, in coordination with the National School Boards Association, which 26 States' school board associations have now removed themselves from.

That is what the American people need to understand. We are funding that—\$10.8 billion for the FBI, \$12.6 billion for IRS, \$1.5 billion for ATF. For public health, \$8.5 billion for CDC, \$6.3 billion for the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, \$45 billion for NIH generally, \$3.3 billion for the FDA, \$122 million for the WHO, \$612 million for OSHA. Remember, it was OSHA that tried to force a vax mandate on private businesses.

How do you get any more tyrannical than the President saying: You, private entity, through OSHA, are going to require your employees to take a needle in the arm for a vaccine, by the way, that was unproven, untested, had liability protection, and enriched two pharma companies to the tune of \$93 billion in 2 years.

Somebody tell me that is not tyranny.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I can't tell my colleague that it is not tyranny. It certainly is.

This is the same OSHA that at some point required reporting of adverse reactions to the so-called vaccine, the jab. In the dark of night, in the middle of the week, when no one was paying attention, that requirement went away. They still tried to make private employers force their employees to take this jab, but they didn't want to know.

They have to report everything else, right? They have to report every single slip and fall, every industrial accident. We want people to be safe. But we never gave them a license to tell us what to do with our own bodies and make those decisions.

For goodness' sake, if they had the temerity to force us to do it, the least they can do is keep records on the adverse effects.

Mr. Speaker, they didn't want to know, did they? They didn't want to know. They don't want you to know their tyranny.

They are not for medical freedom. They are not for education freedom. They are not for economic freedom. They are not for any of our freedoms. That is where we are today.

That is why Chip, the good gentleman from Texas, and I are here this evening, to talk about the tyranny that this place, this room, the body that we serve in, the body that we fought to serve in, the institution that we revered growing up, we are so upset with because this institution, this body, is aiding and abetting this tyranny.

This is the body that is supposed to be ending the tyranny, that is supposed to be fighting the tyranny. Yet, here we are.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, if I might inquire about the time remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Texas has 1 minute remaining.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY) for 30 minutes.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the good gentleman from Texas for being here and making this plain to all of us.

We are going to talk about the CR some more. It continues the highly inflated funding levels.

We just saw the Fed—I have issues with the Fed; that is a whole separate issue—raise interest rates to try to

cool down, like pouring water on the fire, this economy because prices are out of control.

People can't afford their daily lives. They can't afford their electricity, their food, their rent, or their mortgage. They can't afford to send their kids to school.

So, the Fed does its part. What do we do over here? Well, the Fed is trying to pour water on the fire. They want to cool it off. Let's throw some gas on it. \$1.5 trillion for this fiscal year continues to fund the things that we have been talking about, another \$12.3 billion in Ukraine funding.

We all want to help. What Russia did is bullying, right? A country can bully just like an individual can bully. They are bullying their neighbors. Nobody agrees with that. We all want to help. But this is American taxpayers' money.

While Russia is invading the border of Ukraine, we have an invasion on our southern border. How much are we spending on that?

Look, we are spending a pile of money. But do you know what we are not doing? We are not stopping the invasion. Here, let's spend a bunch of money down where Chip lives, and we put a welcome mat out.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, we spend approximately \$58 billion—I don't have it right in front of me—a year for the Department of Homeland Security, \$55 billion, \$56 billion.

We just approved earlier this year \$58 billion for Ukraine, and now there is an additional \$12 billion in the continuing resolution that passed out of the Senate today and is now sitting in the House. That puts it at almost \$70 billion, which is well more than the entire annual budget of the Department of Homeland Security for the United States.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for making the contrast.

Here is what else it is more than: It is actually almost more than Russia's annual military spending. The United States alone, the United States taxpayer alone, is spending more in Ukraine to fight the Russians than Russia's total military budget—not just in Ukraine, their entire military budget.

Yet, the budget that we are spending money on, on our border isn't meant to keep our country safe, our national security interest—it is not just national security. My good friend, the gentleman from Texas, lives right down there. He can tell you horror story after horror story about the unsafe conditions that his constituents, his bosses, have to live under every day because this little book, the Constitution of the United States, says that immigration and the border is the job of the Federal Government.

But what do you do? What do you do when they don't do the job? What do

you do when 53 humans are cooked in a truck in your town? I will tell you. I had lunch at a little diner on my way to Washington, D.C., this week. Good people, hardworking people—you can see the same people probably every day in that diner. I sat down. They are talking about the world's problems, talking about their own problems. They looked at me, complaining, and said: What does it matter? We can't do anything about it.

I said: What do you mean you can't do anything about it? What are you asking me for?

They said: You are in Congress, and you can't do anything about it.

We stand here in this body today knowing all of these problems exist, every single one of them. We can all outline the problems. We all know the challenges our country faces.

Yet, in this body, and in the body across the other side of the building, we just want to keep the clocks wound. We just want the trains to run on time. We don't care about all of this other stuff that is happening out there, as long as everything works here in Washington, D.C.

Some of the richest counties in the country are right here. Everything is fine in Washington, D.C., but go 100 miles or 3,000 miles away and see how it feels.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate what the gentleman just said.

I would say, for our constituents back home, I feel them. I feel the frustration of being in a Chamber where I can offer no amendment, where I have no power to have any input on what bill we are going to be debating on the floor. Literally, for 6-and-a-half years, no amendment has been offered on the floor of this body in open debate, meaning it wasn't precooked up in the Committee on Rules.

Think about that, in the people's House. That should infuriate both sides of the aisle. That is no way for the people's House to operate. It is being operated by dictate. That is a bipartisan statement, I want to say, over time.

I think, for the American people, they want to see us do something. I think we can.

To the fine folks in Pennsylvania that you ran into who said, "What can we do? We can't do anything about it," do you know what? We can.

One, we can freeze spending to stop the complete disregard for the economic well-being of this country and the driving up of inflation by spending money we don't have. We can do that.

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We can agree as a body that we have to make tough decisions like families and businesses do. Freeze spending. Let's just stop the bleeding.

We can take a second step, and we can actually demand that when we have debates about the spending of taxpayer money and the borrowing and

printing of money that we actually deal with these crises in real terms.

I am really talking to my colleagues on my side of the aisle on this one:

We should demand that we get changes at the border.

We should demand that we turn away or detain fully at the border.

We should demand that we stop the forced jabs in people's arms in the military or they get fired.

We should demand changes in our energy policy so that we can free up American energy to increase our power on the world stage, make our grids reliable, make us more dependent on reliable energy, instead of unreliable energy, while making the environment better, by the way.

We should demand that we neutralize the power of the authoritarian state by pulling back on the reins of the FBI and the IRS.

There are things we can do. It is right here. We have the power of the purse. We should use it. I tell you, I am speaking to my colleagues on both sides of the aisle. We have an obligation.

Look, I have run into the buzz saw of challenging the administration when it was Republican because I believed so much in Article I primacy. I introduced the ARTICLE ONE Act with my friend, MIKE LEE, to say we should take away emergency powers from the President.

I did that when the President was using emergency powers to build a wall when there was an emergency and we needed to build it because my colleagues refused to. But I wanted there to be a limit into how much power the executive branch can use.

I subpoenaed records about unaccompanied alien children because I knew that when my colleague on the other side of the aisle was wearing a white pantsuit, staring through a fence that it was all theater. There weren't kids in cages. Those were set up by the previous administration under Jeh Johnson and President Obama, and they know it. They know it.

So you know what?

I subpoenaed information from HHS under a Republican administration because I wanted to know the truth.

We should care about Article I here. If we do, we can take power back and we can represent the people again.

We can use the power of the purse to check the executive.

We can stand up and defend the people of the United States.

We can secure the border.

We can rein in the tyranny of the IRS and the FBI.

We can get American energy going again by opening it up, so our people don't have to have inflation and the inability to have a reliable grid.

We can stop forcing our men and women in uniform to get fired if they refuse to take an experimental jab.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY).

Mr. PERRY. The gentleman is absolutely right. I am looking at what else

is in the CR: \$3 billion for Operation Allies Welcome.

You know what that is? That is Afghan settlement.

For 20 years, for 20 years this country has bled its treasure of humanity, sending our best and brightest to the front, and, of course, your tax dollars.

What did we do at the end?

We just walked away and gave all that away. We dishonored those who lost their lives, those who came home irreparably damaged, and gave that country \$85 billion of premier military hardware, we gave it to hardened terrorists and we gave them a country to operate out of.

You know what you get for that? You know what thanks you get?

Here is what you get: You get \$3 billion for Operation Allies Welcome because we still have to bring people from Afghanistan because the people that we brought initially weren't vetted. We don't know who they were. They just got on the airplane, and now they are living in your community.

We pray to God that you are going to be safe. We pray to God that not one of them is a terrorist.

But we already know the answer to that, right?

We are living on borrowed time. We already know because we have seen it.

This is what my friend is talking about with Article I. The Founders gave us the power.

You know what they didn't give us in the body?

It comes from within. A little bit of courage. A little bit of courage.

Right now, we all go out and say we should stop spending money on this and this and this: 87,000 IRS agents, a Department of Justice that is reigning tyranny over our citizens.

You know what we did today?

We just continued to fund them, hundreds of millions of dollars.

To my good friend from Texas, and we are here joined by the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. HIGGINS), another great friend, when I walk around my district, I see people that agree with me, that support me, and I see people that don't like me and would never support me. I have conversations with each one of them.

You know what?

Not one of them has said, I can't afford my groceries. My electric bill is sitting on the table because I don't have the money to pay for it yet this month.

Here is what we need, here is how you fix that, Mr. PERRY. Hire 87,000 more IRS agents. Give \$250 million to the Department of Justice. That is going to fix my problems. Not one of my constituents has said that to me.

How about you, Mr. ROY?

Mr. ROY. Not one. And I will tell you that across the board, regardless of ideology, the people that come to me and are talking to me are concerned about the border.

They are concerned about fentanyl.

They are concerned about energy prices and their inability to pay their bills.

They are concerned about the extent to which they are in danger in their communities, the crime, and their relationship to the border.

They are concerned about the things that are impacting their lives, their inability to pay for their kids' school, their inability to afford healthcare because we have regulated it to death, and we have funded it and subsidized it to death, so that we are in a position where they can't afford to live the American Dream for their kids and their grandkids.

Our job in this body is to address that, not by spending more money and not by continuing to fund the very things that are undermining it.

Mr. PERRY. That is exactly right.

I yield to the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. HIGGINS), my good friend.

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman and I thank my colleagues.

I hope America is paying attention because we cannot continue to fund a government that appears to be determined to destroy our country from within.

We have millions of illegal aliens crossing our southern border. We have lost all operational control, the sovereignty of our Nation at the southern border.

They are asking for more money for COVID. Since March of 2020, we have spent \$8 trillion just on COVID. That is \$8,000 billion. You cannot convince me or any American across the country that our Nation has actually spent that money. We should have a full accounting of this money.

They want more money for Ukraine. We have already sent them about \$70 billion.

Do you know how much Russia spends, my colleagues, every year, on their military, their entire budget?

I will answer the question. It is about \$70 billion. We have given to Ukraine the entire budget for Russia for their military expenditures. We have no control over this money. We are not sending them any more money, not without a fight.

They want a CR passed, a continuing resolution, a short-term budget to keep the Federal Government operating until December. That is after the elections have ejected our colleagues across the aisle but before Republicans will be sworn into the majority on January 3. That is wrong on every level.

It is like identifying an arsonist, banishing them from your neighborhood, and giving them gasoline and matches on the way out. We cannot allow it. We stand strongly against it, but we don't have the votes.

America, there is not enough Republicans in the House of Representatives to stop this CR in the formula that the Democrats intend. We need Americans to communicate and stand strong. Align yourselves with the conservatives in the House of Representatives, like my colleagues here tonight, and help us fight the good fight to preserve our Republic.

I yield back to the gentleman.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Louisiana.

One of the other things that is in this continuing resolution: \$1 billion for increased home heating and cooling cost subsidies. Think about that, for subsidies.

At the very same moment, the administration, through its policies, is driving your energy costs—electricity, gasoline, diesel—through the roof. They are making you pay more and then they are taking more of your tax dollars to give it out to people who can't afford to pay for it.

And people in this body support this? Somehow with a straight face.

You think that this is right?

I will give you a statistic: The U.S. imports about 20½ million barrels a day. A tanker ship takes about 190,000 barrels. That is about 50 ships a day. The trip from Saudi to New York is about 6,500 miles.

Looking at the burn rate, we are burning about 1 million gallons one way—1 million gallons one way. And this administration would rather do that, tankers from Saudi Arabia, tankers from Venezuela, my goodness, probably tankers from Iran. But heaven forbid, heaven forbid we open the pipeline, any pipeline. They will close as many as they can because somehow they feel good about that.

Mr. ROY. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. PERRY. I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I will yield for the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT), but first I want to add to what the gentleman said because it is on point.

We are funding \$5 million for the Special Presidential Envoy for Climate John Kerry; we are funding \$15 million for the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and U.N. Framework Convention; \$2 billion to the SEC, which they use to help advance the very ESG constraints on the flow of capital that is constraining our ability to produce energy; \$3.2 billion to the Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, which funnels taxpayer dollars to unreliable green energy; \$825 million for DOE's Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management, which gives credit handouts to massive oil companies; \$450 million for DOE's ARPA; \$29 million to administer a DOE loan program responsible for the Solyndra debacle.

I could go on and on. I have got a list here.

All that money to go to the Department of Energy to keep spending taxpayer money to screw up American energy and drive up their energy bills.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, Mr. ROY is absolutely right. Before I turn it over to the gentleman from Texas, I want to prime the pump here a little bit.

The Department of Energy was created for one sole purpose, one purpose and one purpose only: To make the United States energy independent.

My good friend from the State of Texas just went through the list. We were energy independent about 1¾ years ago. It took that long to not only make us energy dependent, but your bills are going through the roof.

Look, I know that people will say, well, gas prices are actually coming down now.

Ladies and gentlemen, the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, the President has been unloading that. It was created, set aside for natural disasters.

What is happening right now today?

What has been happening over the last 48 hours in our country with our friends from Florida, right?

They might be able to use some of that, but, of course, it is at the lowest level it has been in the history of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

It wasn't meant for political disasters. It was meant for national security and natural disasters. But yet, this is what is happening.

If you don't like the look of your electricity bill now—now, when the weather is pretty temperate in the United States—just give it about 3 months and see how you are going to like it. You can blame it on one thing, one thing and one thing alone: The left, the Democratic left, the Democratic Party, and those in it that are forcing and imposing this on you.

I yield to the good gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT), my other friend.

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, it is a bit of a segue here between things you were talking about earlier in the last half hour and all three of you have been mentioning, and that is when you talk about the \$70 billion that has been provided to Ukraine for the war with Russia, if you look at the amount of increase in fuel costs that this administration caused, it drove up the price of oil, the price of natural gas so much that Russia made, last I saw, over \$60 billion more than they had before.

This administration is really responsible for funding both sides of the war between Russia and Ukraine: The \$60-plus billion that Russia got because Biden's actions increased the cost of fuel, and then the \$70 billion that we appropriated to Ukraine. You go, this is nuts that they would be doing that.

Then you look at who is getting hurt, and you mention the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. It is down to its lowest point in decades because this President was trying to cover for his disastrous energy policy. So the millions of barrels that the Trump administration put in there so we would have it for an emergency, like a hurricane and other things, that is all gone, trying to cover for Biden's own disastrous policies.

The American public, they see the price of gasoline coming down some, but people need to understand what this is all about. It is what it has always been about, power in the hands of a small group of elitists and everybody else, like in the Middle Ages for many ages. The wealthy ride, the poor walk. That is what this energy policy of theirs is really all about.

I saw a picture just before I came over, John Kerry on his private plane flying, using that energy, because he is important, because he is the elite. But everybody else is going to need to give up their cars.

As our friend THOMAS MASSIE has pointed out, plugging in a car overnight is like plugging in 17 refrigerators.

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And everybody won't be able to do it, but if everybody would go to an electric car, then people aren't going to have power. And then they will have to rely on their buddy, their Big Brother Government to say, Okay, some of you can plug in these times.

What about when we were independent, and we didn't need the government to tell us when we could move about?

This is where it is headed. The green is really a brown policy, and it is going to be really unpleasant.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, we are talking about the drop-off of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

If you can see this here on C-SPAN, this top level is 750 million barrels. And you can see up here in 2020, there is this sharp drop-off? That drops down to 350 million barrels. That is the defense being exercised by a President trying to save his party. That is not being used specifically for the national security interest of the United States.

That is absolutely horrific. Dumping the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, dumping it in order to drive gas prices down.

You know what? Those chickens are going to come home to roost.

Mr. PERRY. They absolutely are. And like I said, if you are worried about the climate, if you are worried about fossil fuel use, the most important thing to do, the most responsible thing to do is to do it efficiently.

America does it more cleanly and more efficiently than everybody else. And we have pipelines, but we can't use them.

Like I said: One trip. One way, from one tanker. Fifty a day come into the United States. One million gallons burned one way for each tanker. So that is 50 million a day.

Everybody is worried about their cars. Nobody gives a hoot about this; and none of it is necessary. Absolutely zero of it is necessary.

Mr. Speaker, in this CR, in this continuing resolution that we are going to vote on in this House tomorrow—I think—even though we say we want to save our country and our citizens, our bosses from this tyranny, people are going to vote for it anyhow: \$2 billion for unaccompanied minors flooding the border while doing nothing to solve the border crisis.

As the good gentleman from Texas said, how much did we spend from the Department of Homeland Security to secure our border annually?

Mr. ROY. Close to \$60 billion.

Mr. PERRY. Close to 60; but yet we need another 2 for unaccompanied minors. We don't need the extra 2. You just stop the unaccompanied minors, and you don't need the extra 2.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. HIGGINS).

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I would bring our focus on to our total national debt for a moment. As concerned American patriots, conservative constitutionalist men who love our country, we are discussing this continuing resolution, the temporary funding of the Federal Government that we stand against because of the process and the lack of appropriate regular order that reflects the failure of this body to perform regarding our budget responsibilities that were laid out clearly by our Founders.

Let's talk about our \$31 trillion in debt.

It was 1980 in America before we had accumulated \$1 trillion in debt. So in the first 200 years of our existence, America accumulated \$1 trillion in debt. In the following 40 years, we have accumulated \$30 trillion.

We are up \$31 trillion in debt. If this body were to balance the budget and run a \$1 billion surplus, it would require 31,000 years to address a \$31 trillion debt.

Mr. Speaker, I say to my colleagues, 1 trillion is 1,000 billion.

No one here, nor across the Nation that we love and serve, believes we have 31,000 years to fix this thing. We must restore fiscal sanity to this body.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire as to how much time I have remaining?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman has 4 minutes remaining.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ROY).

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I mentioned this before, but I think it merits repeating, that we are at roughly \$31 trillion in debt, as the gentleman said.

If you set out to count to 31 trillion at one Mississippi, it will take you 1 million years to count to that.

Just to put in perspective what that is, when I began running for office in December of 2017, our debt was \$21 trillion; \$10 trillion in 5 years since I began running for office.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding, I think that in the last year and three-quarters, the Biden administration has racked up more debt than the entire 8 years of the Obama administration.

We found that unacceptable, but yet here we are. And yet, in this body, on this week, at this time, we are going to vote to just continue like nothing is happening, like that is not happening, like we don't care. We are going to go home and say, if you elect us, all this stuff is going to end. Yet, we have an opportunity in this body to stop it.

All the things that the gentleman from Texas outlined, the things that I outlined:

The Ukraine funding.

The \$3 billion for operation allies welcome.

The COVID funding.

Oh, by the way, the President of the United States said the pandemic is over, but we are going to add more COVID funding in here, right? Can't do without that crisis.

Mr. Speaker, all that included, but hardly a whimper out of this town, because it is more important that this town keeps going than the American people get what they asked for, what they elected us for.

Mr. Speaker, this is completely unacceptable. I would agree with my colleague from Texas, if Republicans aren't going to fight now—understand, not one of us is a Democrat. We don't have any authority or majority in this House of Representatives; no majority by Republicans in the Senate. That is the complete legislature. There is no majority of Republicans in the executive branch. That is President Biden. Those are Democrats.

How, for the love of the Lord, can Republicans be blamed for voting "no" on this tyranny?

If Democrats want to continue tyranny, God bless them. They can go explain that to their constituents, to their bosses. But why would Republicans help them? And more importantly, why would Republicans help them when reinforcements are coming right over the horizon. We have an election in 40 days.

As Mr. HIGGINS said, to pass a continuing resolution, to pass a bill that continues this tyranny into December after there is no accountability, people have lost their elections. There is no accountability to offer them yet another opportunity to continue the tyranny.

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana. It is dangerous.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, how do you explain that to your constituents? How do you explain, Well, I voted for that because it is important that Washington, D.C., and all these programs needed your money, needed the money that you wake up every day and go to work for. They needed it, and you didn't.

Mr. ROY, people in my district pack their lunch at night. They get up early while it is still dark. They kiss their little children that are in their beds asleep while it is still dark, and they leave for work.

They count on us here to make sure that we are faithfully, adequately, appropriately, responsibly spending their hard-earned dollars.

Mr. HIGGINS, you talked about this the other day in conference. Your paycheck. People work hard for it, and they depend on us. And what do we do with it?

Mr. ROY, give us an example. You got like a thousand of them there. How do we blow it?

Mr. ROY. Well, I think we have got about 20 seconds left.

Mr. PERRY. Go ahead.

Mr. ROY. All I would say is, if we want to do this, if we want an economy that is strong, stop spending money we don't have. Stop spending money to fund the bureaucracy that is going after the American people.

If you want a Nation that is safe, stop talking down your cops. Stand with your cops.

If you want a military that is strong, stop being woke. End the woke destruction of our military.

If you want a border that is secure, secure it. Turn people away. Accept the people that need help but turn people away and actually detain them and stop the control of our borders by cartels that are endangering the American people.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ROY), the other gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT), and my good friend, the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. HIGGINS).

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 468. An Act to amend title 49, United States Code, to permit the use of incentive payments to expedite certain federal financed airport development projects.

H.R. 7500. An Act to authorize major medical facility projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2022, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7846. An Act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2022, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans and for other purposes.

Lisa P. Grant, Deputy Clerk of the House, further reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 91. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 810 South Pendleton Street in Easley, South Carolina, as the "Private First Class Barrett Lyle Austin Post Office Building".

H.R. 92. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 110 Johnson Street in Pickens, South Carolina, as the "Specialist Four Charles Johnson Post Office".

H.R. 2142. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 170 Manhattan Avenue in Buffalo, New York, as the "Indiana Hunt-Martin Post Office Building".

H.R. 3508. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 38 West Main Street, in Honeoye Falls, New York, as the "CW4 Christian J. Koch Memorial Post Office".

H.R. 3539. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 223 West Chalan Santo Papa in Hagatna, Guam, as the "Atanasio Taitano Perez Post Office".

H.R. 4693. An Act to advance targeted and evidence-based interventions for the preven-

tion and treatment of global malnutrition and to improve the coordination of such programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5809. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1801 Town and Country Drive in Norco, California, as the "Lance Corporal Kareem Nikoui Memorial Post Office Building".

SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The Speaker announced her signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 169.—An act to amend title 17, United States Code, to require the Register of Copyrights to waive fees for filing an application for registration of a copyright claim in certain circumstances, and for other purposes.

S. 442.—An act to amend title 40, United States Code, to require the Administrator of General Services to procure the most life-cycle cost effective and energy efficient lighting products and to issue guidance on the efficiency, effectiveness, and economy of those products, and for other purposes.

S. 516.—An act to plan for and coordinate efforts to integrate advanced air mobility aircraft into the national airspace system, and for other purposes.

S. 1098.—An act to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to authorize borrowers to separate joint consolidation loans.

S. 2490.—An act to establish the Blackwell School National Historic Site in Marfa, Texas, and for other purposes.

S. 2771.—An act to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in San Angelo, Texas, as the "Colonel Charles and JoAnne Powell Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic".

S. 3157.—An act to require the Secretary of Labor to conduct a study of the factors affecting employment opportunities for immigrants and refugees with professional credentials obtained in foreign countries.

S. 3969.—An act to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to explicitly authorize distribution of grant funds to the voting accessibility protection and advocacy system of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the system serving the American Indian consortium, and for other purposes.

S. 4205.—An act to require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to establish a working group relating to best practices and Federal guidance for animals in emergencies and disasters, and for other purposes.

S. 4900.—An act to reauthorize the SBIR and STTR programs and pilot programs, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 1 of House Resolution 1230, the House stands adjourned until 9 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon (at 8 o'clock and 9 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, September 30, 2022, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-5351. A letter from the Under Secretary, Acquisition and Sustainment, De-

partment of Defense, transmitting an inventory summary of certain required activities performed during the preceding fiscal year pursuant to staff augmentation contracts and contracts closely associated with inherently governmental functions for or on behalf of the Department of Defense, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4505(c)(1); Public Law 110-181, div. A, title VIII, Sec. 807(a), Jan. 28, 2008; (122 Stat. 213); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5352. A letter from the Under Secretary, Acquisition and Sustainment, Department of Defense, transmitting a memorandum with the subject: Certifications of Requirements and Funding to Meet Program Cost, Schedule, and Performance Objectives and Risk Assessments, pursuant to Sec. 4204(d) of Title 10, U.S.C.; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5353. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the report to Congress on Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act (SUPPORT Act), pursuant to Public Law 115-271, Sec. 6094(a)(2); (132 Stat. 4003); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-5354. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the situation in and in relation to Syria that was declared in Executive Order 13894 of October 14, 2019, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-5355. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a semiannual report detailing telecommunications-related payments made to Cuba pursuant to Department of the Treasury licenses during the period from January 1 through June 30, 2022, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 6004(e)(6); Public Law 102-484, Sec. 1705(e)(6) (as amended by Public Law 104-114, Sec. 102(g)); (110 Stat. 794); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-5356. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a determination under section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (FAA) to Provide Military Assistance to Ukraine; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-5357. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a Memorandum of Justification to provide military assistance to Ukraine, Under Section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-5358. A letter from the Deputy General Counsel for Operations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting a notification of a nomination, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-5359. A letter from the Wildlife Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Migratory Bird Program, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Migratory Bird Hunting; Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations on Certain Federal Indian Reservations and Ceded Lands for the 2022-23 Season [Docket No.: FWS-HQ-MB-2021-0057; FF09M30000-223-FXMB1231099BFP0] (RIN: 1018-BF07) received September 28, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-5360. A letter from the Deputy Clerk, Office of the Clerk United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, transmitting